

**MHAC**  
**Policy/Legislative Subcommittee Meeting**  
**March 24, 2010**  
**Telephone Conference Call**  
**10 a.m. EST**

**MHAC Attendees:** Lucie Ferguson, Claudia Tellez

**MHAC Absent:** Michael Pyles, Rudy Wilson

**OMHPHP:** Susan Triggs

**Public Attendees:** Richard Green (Bon Secours MHA student intern)

**Welcome:** Attendees were welcomed by the Chair

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the October 2, 2009 meeting were approved.

**Identifying Time Capacity for Projects**

Attendees discussed the need for more subcommittee members. It was determined that the Policy/Legislative Subcommittee first needs to provide an overview of its goals and objectives for prospective new members. The subcommittee Chair, ***Claudia Tellez agreed to draft an overview of the purpose of the subcommittee*** by Friday, April 2, 2010. Ms. Tellez also agreed to act as Chair of the Subcommittee for one more year. It is understood that, with more members, the subcommittee's capacity for projects will improve.

**Identifying Key Projects per Strategic Plan**

Ms. Tellez discussed her experiences with the Fairfax, Virginia MAPP project. She suggested that planners of MAPP need to identify financing to sustain ideas developed by stakeholders. Attendees agreed that the feasibility of this idea would increase as the economic climate in the U.S. improves. Susan Triggs talked with attendees about MAPP concepts that include the fact that stakeholders bring varying levels of resources to the table as they discuss ideas for improving health outcomes for their community. Those resources can then be brought to bear on successfully implementing new strategies for community interventions.

Lucie Ferguson talked about the Cancer Caucus and wondered if there are minority caucuses at the Virginia General Assembly. She also mentioned the Allied Health Caucus, chaired by Rosalyn Dance in Petersburg. Dr. Ferguson suggested that a recommendation be sent forth to the Health Commissioner suggesting that more groups be educated about the needs of minorities in Virginia in relation to health equity and the social determinants of health. ***Dr. Ferguson will write a recommendation to carry forth to MHAC during the April 13, 2010 meeting.***

Attendees also felt that MHAC should be proactive about developing a budget recommendation regarding support for the Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy (OMHPHP). Subcommittee members want to bring to the Health Commissioner again this year the recommendation to put OMHPHP into the Code of Virginia.

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Adjourned**

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting**

Date and time to be announced.